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Excellence

The Louisiana Scholars' College, an integral part of Northwestern State University, admitted its first class in 1987. Its goal was ambitious...to recruit the best and brightest students, educate them with a "private school styled" liberal arts and sciences education on a public university campus and at public university tuition cost. Its curriculum was modeled after Ivy League institutions and it brought professors and students together as a community of scholars.

Fast forward 15 years later... The Louisiana Scholars' College remains a vibrant community on the Northwestern State University campus and its graduates are scattered throughout the state and nation working and making a difference in a variety of fields including law, medicine, business, government, education and public service.

I want to especially note the accomplishments of one current student in the Scholars' College. Alexander Billioux was recently named as a recipient of a 2003 Marshall Scholarship. He is the first Northwestern student to receive the prestigious Marshall Scholarship and is the only student attending a Louisiana college or university selected this year. Billioux was also the Louisiana representative and a finalist for a Rhodes Scholarship.

Billioux is majoring in liberal arts and sciences with a concentration in scientific inquiry and a minor in classics. He plans to spend the next two years researching cancer gene therapy at the Weatherall Institute for Molecular Medicine at the University of Oxford.

Billioux was also a Goldwater Scholar and spent the last two summers interning at the National Institutes of Health in the Disorders of Immunology Section of the Genetics and Molecular Biology Branch of the National Human Genome Research Institute. He joins only 39 other scholars from universities such as Harvard, Yale, Dartmouth and MIT as a 2003 Marshall Scholarship winner.

I would like to commend Alexander Billioux on this wonderful accomplishment and his bright future ahead of him, and say congratulations to the Louisiana Scholars' College... keep up the continuous quest for *excellence*.



About the cover: Maxine Southerland posed for NSU Photographer, Gary Hardamon, at the Levy-East House Bed and Breakfast in the Historic District of Natchitoches.

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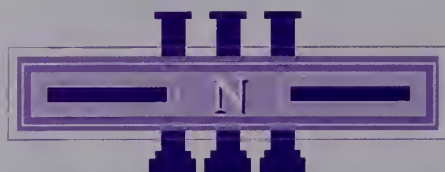
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Northwestern Graduates Make the World a Better Place



Volunteers and community leaders help make the world a better place and many people find that retirement is the best time to make a commitment to society. Four Northwestern graduates share with us how they contribute to their community and the importance of staying active when working is no longer top priority.



Northwestern Graduates



Imelda Watson

Imelda Watson, a 1947 graduate, retired in 1971 after teaching home economics in Simpson and Leesville. But retirement didn't stop her. Even 30 years after retirement, she is still active in a number of activities and organization in Vernon Parish.

Watson gives much of her time to the Museum of West Louisiana where she has served as a volunteer, board member and president.

"I just do whatever needs to be done," she said.

Watson is also a member of a civic organizations including the AARP, the Vernon Council on Aging, Retired Teachers and TRIAD, a organization which helps the local law enforcement offices contribute to their community. She is also on the Mayor's Women's Commission, which works for the betterment and beautification of the Leesville.

Watson can be found at a variety of church activities, including "Don't Mention Age" at the local Baptist church and "Lord's Children" at the Methodist church. She also attends the programs sponsored by the Seniors' Circle at Byrd Hospital.

Watson knows the key to life is staying busy and contributing to her community.

"There's always something to do," she said. "After you retire you have so much you can give back to community. My folks sacrificed so I could get an education, so I feel I should give back in any way I can."



Lisso Simmons

Lisso Simmons retired in 1989 after teaching and serving as an education administrator all over the state of Louisiana. He taught in and headed the NSU education department before moving on to serve as Dean of Education at two other universities.

You can find Simmons visiting residents of the Natchitoches Hospital and local nursing homes during the week.

"It is very satisfying to me to visit residents of the nursing homes," Simmons said. "They'll be feeling down, but you can sort of turn their attitudes around when you stop in their rooms."

Simmons is also involved in civic and religious organizations. He is a deacon at the First Baptist Church in Natchitoches and is active in the local chapter of the Lion's Club, for which he served as district governor of Northwest Louisiana. He is also a member of the board for Habitat for Humanity of Natchitoches. Simmons was instrumental in the combined efforts of Lion's Club and Habitat to begin construction on a house.

Simmons encourages all retirees to stay active and participate in as many activities as possible.

"It is tremendously important to remain active after retirement," Simmons said. "If people just sit down, they won't live long. Get active in some way that helps other people. I get a lot of fulfillment out of helping other people. That's what helps people live longer. Have a goal and help people."

Simmons is married to Nadine Smith Simmons, a 1950 NSU graduate and retired teacher.

Make the World a Better Place



David Hardin

You can hear David Hardin, a 1960 graduate, still tooting his own horn after retiring from teaching music. His trumpet, that is.

Hardin is a member of a six-piece dance orchestra, "A Touch of Class." They can be heard playing for casual engagements, private parties, church services and weddings. He has also performed with the NSU Jazz Orchestra.

Hardin can also be found at Northwestern functions where he often reunites with other music alumni. He spends much of his free time outdoors hunting, fishing, and playing golf. He also takes to the skies with his hobby of flying.

Hardin is honored to be an alumnus of NSU.

"I am really proud of Northwestern and the music department," he said.

"They have come a long way under the leadership in all facets; the athletic band, academics, the whole picture. The education I got there prepared me to go out and teach."

Hardin married his high school sweetheart, Sherry.



Maxine Aycock Southerland

Maxine Aycock Southerland, also a retired home economics teacher and 1942 graduate of NSU, is helping preserve Natchitoches for future generations as a former president of the Association for Preservation of Historic Natchitoches.

As president, she acquired the cabin of Clementine Hunter to place on the grounds of Melrose Plantation. She also acquired the Kate Chopin Home and achieved its Historic Landmark status. Southerland was instrumental in obtaining funds to restore the Lemee House and rooms at Melrose Plantation.

Southerland has also been a member of the board of the Natchitoches/Northwestern Symphony Society, Louisiana Preservation Alliance, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the American Cemetery Board and the St. Denis Tourist Association.

For all of her accomplishments, she was awarded Woman of the Year by the Natchitoches Chamber of Commerce, a Mattie O'Daniel Award as an outstanding teacher and an Educational Award for the Museum for the History of Louisiana Education. She was also recently named one of the Best Dressed Women in Northwest Louisiana.

Southerland is continually on the move and hardly has downtime.

"It's just my life," she said. "I stay busy all day. Northwestern enriches my life, so does my community work. I am full of energy and have a lot of interests. This time of my life is the happiest time of my life. If you stay active, you have a purpose and if you are involved it makes you happier."

Southerland also obtained her master's degree from NSU in 1957. She is married to Thomas P. Southerland, a retired vice-president of academic affairs and 1943 graduate.



Koury joins NSU Alumni Board of Directors

One new member joined Northwestern State University's Alumni Association Board of Directors during the group's annual meeting Homecoming weekend Oct. 19-20.

Matthew A. Koury of Leesville will serve a three-year term on the board.

Since 1999, Koury has been an independent contractor for Gene Koury Auto Sales and Financial Services located in Leesville. Shortly before joining the family-owned business, Koury worked as an independent contractor with Louisiana Oil and Gas in Lafayette from 1995-1999.

Koury is a 1995 Northwestern graduate, having a bachelor's degree in business administration.

He is currently involved in the Louisiana Lions Club and is on the Historic District Commission in Leesville.

Chris Maggio, alumni director, said the alumni board is continuing to expand so that alumni will have more representation. "As our alumni base continues to grow, it is good to have additional board members who are demographic representatives of Northwestern alumni," he said.

Koury is married to Martha Hooper Koury, a 1997 Northwestern graduate.

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Bearden visits former students in Thailand

"All you have to do is get to the airport and we'll take it from there." These were the words told to former NSU education professor, Dr. Ivan Bearden by former Thailand students after years of trying to encourage him to make a visit to Thailand.

In the 1970's and 1980's, there were many international students attending NSU. A group of them, education majors, were from Thailand and had Bearden as their professor.

Bearden said having students from different countries added something extra to the university.

"They made such a contribution to NSU by making students aware of the other countries and what all their countries entailed," said Bearden. "Because of this, we did a lot of extra work with them. It was a great learning experience for me as the professor and for the students in the class as well."

Bearden

taught courses at NSU from 1966 until 1989. During that time and many years afterward, he stayed in touch with the small group of students that had since returned to



Dr. Ivan Bearden visited former students and education graduates in Thailand. Shown are Duangjai Thaiuboon, Wacharee Buranasing, Bearden, Den Chanetiyoung and Pantipa Udtaisuk.

Thailand. The former students were always asking Bearden to visit them and have an NSU reunion.

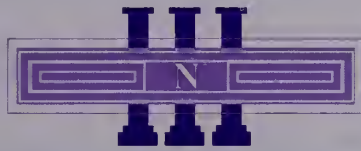
Late last year, the former students contacted their former professor and said "if you don't hurry and come, we're all going to be retired!"

So, in September 2002, Bearden made his trip to Thailand to see his former students. They had their alumni meeting at a local hotel where Bearden presented the former students with NSU t-shirts and caught up on old times.

"The t-shirts were the hit of the reunion. One of the men changed into his NSU T-shirt immediately," Bearden said. "They asked many questions about NSU, the city of Natchitoches and other former professors."

The NSU alumni planned a 12-day tour of their hometown for Bearden. They visited Chiang Mai, better known as the "jewelry city" of Thailand, attended a dinner theatre which depicted the old history and dance and shopped at many retail outlets.

"I was so thankful and appreciative they planned such an extensive and well thought out trip for a former professor," Bearden said.



Out-of-state athletes find much to like at NSU

The athletic programs at Northwestern will always depend on Louisiana for a number of student-athletes, but coaches at NSU are willing to look throughout the country to find those who will be a good performer on and off the field.

"While recruiting in-state is an ongoing focus of NSU's coaches, out-of-state recruiting also is a reality of Division I recruiting," said Northwestern athletic director Greg Burke. "In Louisiana, for example, there are 10-12 Division I programs recruiting a limited number of prospects. Thus, there often is a need to look elsewhere to put together the best possible recruiting class."

In some cases, Northwestern coaches have to give prospects a quick geography and history lesson on the university and Natchitoches. But once the potential student-athlete makes a visit, chances are they will become a Demon.



"The first time I saw downtown Natchitoches, it got to me," said

Lauren Fitts, a member of the NSU softball team from Carriere, Miss., who is a sophomore business administration

major. "The shops caught my eye and the river adds to it."

To many of the student-athletes, the offer of a scholarship helped attract them to Northwestern, but the university's academics attracted them as well.



"Academics was also a factor for me," said **Danielle Moss**, a member of Northwestern's track team from Paris, Texas. "The faculty have always been helpful to me. The

university always tries to have a lot of things going on to involve students. If you want to be busy, there is enough to do."

A number of student-athletes from outside Louisiana have excelled at NSU in recent years. Distance runner Robin Meyers from Arizona was nominated for NCAA "Woman of the Year," Standout volleyball player Missy Krause from Wisconsin represented Northwestern at an NCAA Student-Athlete Leadership Conference, and basketball player Josh Hancock from Texas was the point guard on the 2001 Demon team which made the University's first NCAA tournament appearance.

In some cases, it was hard for the student-athletes to make the decision to attend college far away from home.



"I wasn't sure at first because I had never stayed more than an hour from home," said **Jacqui Lawrence**, a member of the NSU soccer team from Grand Blanc, Mich. "The thing I noticed was how nice the people were and that were

interested in me. Each year I am here I find out new things about Northwestern and Natchitoches."

Student-athletes at Northwestern soon find out that they will receive support from the community, alumni and their fellow student-athletes each time they play at home.

"That is something that is really important. We all support each other," said Lawrence.



"There is a bond between all the sports at Northwestern," said **William Budro**, a senior thrower from Lumberton, Texas, who is a general studies major. "Members of the football team are on the track team.

And we all go to basketball, baseball, softball and volleyball games and all the sports."

"We have one weight room, so we see people from other sports a lot," said

Moss who is a vaulter. "It is always fun to go to a game and cheer for someone you know."

When each of the student-athletes goes home, they talk to friends about their respective colleges. And they learned another advantage of attending Northwestern.



"When I walk into an office, I am not just a softball player, I'm Lindsey," said **Lindsey Leftwich** of Spring, Texas, a junior psychology major. "They know me. I am not just another face. The professors support

you and they come see us play. You also get a great deal of one-on-one time with the faculty which will help me to get the kind of recommendation I need to get into graduate school."

"When we host recruits, I tell them that you are not just a name on a class list," said Lawrence, a junior family and consumer sciences major with an emphasis in fashion merchandising. "The teachers know you. The people who work on campus know you."

Being part of a successful program that has won several conference titles and participated in NCAA championship events has also made NSU appealing on a national basis.

"We've won two conference championships since I have been here," said Budro. "It just shows what hard work will do."



Join the Graduate "N" Club

The Northwestern State University Graduate "N" Club is comprised of former Northwestern athletes who support the university, its athletes and athletic programs. If you are a lettered athlete and would like to become a member of the Graduate "N" Club, please contact Dr. Chris Maggio at (318) 357-4414 or (888) 799-6486 or via e-mail at maggioc@nsula.edu.



"Because of the work started by Barry Smiley 20 years ago, Northwestern has built a nationally recognized business program," said Dr. Lissa Pollacia, the BellSouth Professor of Telecommunications at NSU who is leading the project. "We have a wonderful facility, but the exterior of the building does not reflect that. This project will help us make a good first impression on visitors."



Planning begins for Barry Smiley Memorial Courtyard

The College of Business at Northwestern State University is planning to honor a former dean while sprucing up the area around Russell Hall.

The project will create the Barry Smiley Memorial Courtyard which will extend around the entrance most used by students entering Russell Hall.

The courtyard will include a brick walkway and distinctive hand-made iron benches reflecting the spirit and history of Northwestern and Natchitoches. The benches will be made by a local craftsman and will be similar to those along Front Street in downtown Natchitoches. A portion of the materials for the brick walkway will be donated by Frank and Natalie Piccolo of Arterete, Inc., of Natchitoches.

"Russell Hall is considered the most elegant and stately building on the Northwestern campus," said Dr. Joel Worley, dean of the College of Business. "The Barry Smiley Memorial Courtyard will further enhance Russell Hall and the College of Business as we continue to grow."

Donations can be made in amounts beginning at \$25. A two-seat iron bench can be purchased for \$600 while a three-seat bench is \$750. The bench can be personalized with the name of an individual or business. Donations are tax deductible.

Dr. Smiley was a member of Northwestern's faculty for 17 years. A nationally recognized scholar in marketing, he was dean of the College of Business from 1983 until 1986 and from 1990 until 1998. Smiley was a professor of marketing at Northwestern from 1998 until his death in 2000. Under his leadership, NSU earned accreditation by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business, a distinction earned by only 30 percent of the business programs in the United States.

While at NSU, Smiley was director of the Small Business Development Center from 1986 until 1990. He was chair of the Department of Business Administration at Louisiana College from 1980 until 1983 and was also a professor of business administration.

Smiley was president of the Natchitoches Area Chamber of Commerce in 1990 and a member of the Chamber's board of directors from 1985 until 1990.

For more information on the Barry Smiley Memorial Courtyard, contact Pollacia at (318) 357-5161 or pollacia@nsula.edu.

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One-room schoolhouse restoration underway

Clyde Morace can imagine his father studying in a one-room schoolhouse decades ago. So the opportunity to help preserve and protect such a historic building had special appeal to him. Morace was part of a team from the National Park Service who spent a week working on a one-room schoolhouse located on the Northwestern State University campus.

A six member team, part of the Park Service's Preservation Skills Training Program, began the process of restoring a nearly century old schoolhouse located next to NSU's Teacher Education Center. The project was organized by the Cane River Creole National Historical Park.

"I imagine that my dad went to school in a building like this," said Morace, a Vidalia resident who works at the Natchez Historical Park. "You can make out the interior of the building that still has the old desks. This will give me more knowledge on how to treat historic structures."

Other team members include mentor Dan Matteson of Gulf Island National Seashore in Pensacola, Fla., Geri Larsen, Keweenaw National Historical Park in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, Ernest Echols of Gulf Shores National Seashore Park in Ocean Springs, Miss., Kristy Ferguson of Timpanogos Cave National Monument in American Fork, Utah and Greg Duggan of Cane River Creole National Historical Park in Natchitoches.

Funding for the project was provided by the National Park Service, the Cane River National Heritage Area and the Bank of Montgomery.

"This is an outstanding project because there are so few one-room schoolhouses and this one is connected to the Cane River National Heritage Area," said Nancy Morgan, executive director of the Cane River National Heritage Area. "The schoolhouse has ties to the area's history and culture and to Northwestern which has trained teachers for almost 120 years."

The one-room schoolhouse was originally the St. Nichols School, which was established in south Natchitoches Parish in 1906. The school was named for Benjamin Franklin Nichols who donated the land on which the building was constructed. The school was built using cypress with cypress shingles.

The school was in use until 1924 when elementary students were transferred to Cloutierville. For more than 50 years, the building was used as a home. In 1981, the schoolhouse was donated to Northwestern. The schoolhouse was moved to the grounds of the Teacher Education Center in 2000.

"It is impossible to put a dollar figure on how valuable this work is to us," said Dr. John Tollett, dean of the College of Education at Northwestern. "The work that will go into restoring this structure is a powerful legacy. Northwestern was founded as a Normal School dedicated to training teachers and this schoolhouse represents a place where those teachers did outstanding work."

The Preservation Skills Training Program began in 1994. Each year, 24 NPS employees are chosen to travel around the country to assist in preservation projects. The participants work on eight projects and submit a portfolio of their work to gain certification.



Pictured above are Nancy Morgan, executive director of the Cane River National Heritage Area and Dr. John Tollett, dean of the College of Education at Northwestern



"This is a project in which the historic structure benefits and the National Park Service benefits from the preservation training," said Matteson. "Roofs are the biggest item in the project. This is good experience for each of them to work with wood shakes."

A wood shake is a shingle that is smooth on one side and is split, or rigid on the other.

"I have never worked on shakes. It's nice to know how to do this type of work on a historic structure," said Larsen. "This will allow me to learn some carpentry skills."

Working on the shingles can be tricky because they can be different sizes.

"I have worked on asphalt roofs before and this is a lot different because the shingles vary in length and width," said Echols.

Ferguson found the work to be an interesting contrast from the preservation work she normally does.

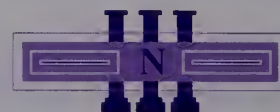
"Our preservation work is mostly with masonry," said Ferguson. "This will help me with basic carpentry skills and the emphasis on historic structures."

Duggan said fixing the roof is the first step in stabilizing the structure which will require extensive renovation work.

"It's nice to do something like this," he said. "I do carpentry work each day but this is something outside my normal work. This is a good sized learning project that isn't too large or too small."

The College of Education and the NSU Foundation have begun to raise funding to restore the schoolhouse and aid the College through the Friends of the Old Schoolhouse. Funding raised by the group will help stabilize and weatherize the structure, restore and furnish the interior and landscape the site as well as assist the College of Education in student recruitment and faculty research. For more information, contact Dr. Cathy Seymour at (318) 357-6278 or at seymourc@nsula.edu.

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Northwestern student earns prestigious scholarship



Alexander C. Billioux, a senior in the Louisiana Scholars' College at Northwestern State University, was named as a recipient of a 2003 Marshall Scholarship. He is the first Northwestern student to receive a Marshall Scholarship and was the only student attending a Louisiana college or university selected this year. Billioux was also Louisiana state representative and a finalist for a Rhodes Scholarship.

Billioux, who is from Easley, S.C., is majoring in liberal arts and sciences

with a concentration in scientific inquiry and a minor in classics. He plans to spend the next two years cancer gene therapy researching at the Weatherall Institute for Molecular Medicine at the University of Oxford. He plans to work toward a Master of Science degree in Clinical Medicine. Billioux will be conducting research in the laboratory of Dr. Roy Bicknell, who is studying the molecular signals that trigger the development of new vasculature during tumor development as a potential target of gene therapy aimed toward tumor growth and proliferation.

"Dr. Bicknell's lab is one of the few in the world doing the area of cancer research I am interested in. It's a dream come true," said Billioux. "We will be doing research of our own and seeing other steps taken toward gene therapy. The research will help make cancer less damaging than it is. It's not a permanent cure, but it will help in the fight against cancer."

If his scholarship is extended for a third year, he will work toward a doctorate in molecular angiogenesis. Billioux also plans to enter medical school upon his return to the United States.

Billioux was a 2002 Goldwater Scholar and has spent the last two summers interning at the National Institutes of Health in the Disorders of Immunology Section of the Genetics and Molecular Biology Branch of the National Human Genome Research Institute. He helped develop a system to better identify human cells used in animal research. Scientists often inject human cells into animals to conduct research and need to learn if the cells spread.

"Until I received the Goldwater, I didn't think I was the type of student they (the Marshall or Rhodes Scholarship committees) were looking for," said Billioux. "I didn't think they would look for someone from a small school, but wanted someone from Yale or Stanford."

"My mentor at the National Institutes of Health pointed out that almost all the Marshall and Rhodes Scholars in recent years had received Goldwaters. So once I received the Goldwater, I decided to compete for the Marshall and the Rhodes."

During the interview process, Billioux explained why he chose to attend the Scholars' College.

"I was especially glad to be given the opportunity to explain my reasons for attending the Louisiana Scholars' College and Northwestern State University," said Billioux. "Rather than providing apologetic reasons for not pursuing my Ivy League offers, I explained that I felt the seminar-style learning environment and well-rounded, humanities focused curriculum of the Scholars' College had prepared me in a manner that I would not have been afforded by larger institutions. Further, the close relationships I have been able to develop with almost all of my professors provided me with invaluable advice and guidance, as well as opportunities I might not have had were I studying at a larger university."

Billioux followed his brother, Chris, to the Scholars' College. Chris Billioux is a 1999 graduate of the Scholars' College. The Billioux found out about NSU through the Duke Talent Identification Program. The university placed an ad in a TIP publication and the Billioux were interested after reading the ad.

"I had applied and received scholarship offers from other institutions but my parents saw a need for a humanities-based, liberal arts education," said Billioux. "The Scholars' College offered small class sizes with an intense seminar learning style. And I love the environment of Natchitoches."

Marshall Scholarships provide financing for up to 40 scholars to study at the graduate or occasionally undergraduate level at an institution in the United Kingdom in any field of study. The scholarships were founded by an Act of Parliament in 1953 to commemorate the humane ideals of the European Recovery Programme (Marshall Plan) and promote understanding between future leaders of the United Kingdom and the United States.

Other Marshall recipients are from institutions including Yale, Harvard, Dartmouth, MIT, the University of Texas and the University of Washington.



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Pierce book looks back on life in Louisiana



Jerry Pierce, vice president for external affairs at Northwestern and a member of the university's Journalism Department faculty, is the author of a new book entitled *Prayer Meetings and Pink Corduroys*.

The book is a collection of some new, unpublished columns and others that Pierce has written for newspapers and magazines throughout Louisiana.

Pierce's book was published by the Association of Louisiana Electric Cooperatives, which publishes the statewide magazine, *Louisiana Country*. His columns have been published in every issue since 1994 of that magazine, which has a circulation of 130,000.

Billy Gibson, editor of *Louisiana Country*, said, "The book came out a few weeks before Christmas, and response from the public has been tremendous. A lot of people have asked us over the years to make some of Jerry's columns available in book form, so sales have been brisk. They were excited to get *Prayer Meetings and Pink Corduroys*."

Sub-titled *Reflection on Life in Rural Louisiana and Other Stuff*, the book focuses primarily on growing up in Northwest Louisiana but includes commentary on fishing trips, sandlot baseball games, high school proms, soda fountains, fifties music, childhood ailments and cures, batting rocks, special Christmases, grandkids, school reunions, old Western movies, mumbledypeg, church services, sighting spaceships and assorted other subjects.

The book is receiving positive reviews from readers and book reviewers. A review in *The Shreveport Times* stated, "The stories in the book are all our stories. They ring true. We want to remember them always."

A review in the *Monroe News-Star* said the book, "strike a strong chord about familiar but wonderful and half-forgotten things like Superman suits, great old hymns, crewcuts and Butch Wax, black and white movies, dragging the town and favorite teachers."

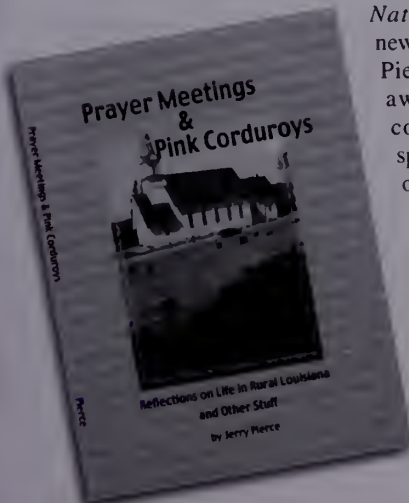
An *Alexandria Daily Town Talk* reviewer said "*Prayer Meetings and Corduroys* is a book about common and uncommon joys and heartaches and various famous and infamous characters. It is for readers who can identify with people or occasions or sensations that make people laugh, cry, listen, taste, fret, cheer or love."

Northwestern president Dr. Randy Webb said the book allows readers to relive experiences that rekindle memories of hearth and home, church, school and community. "The book blends the humorous and serious sides of life into an entertaining, quick read. Anyone who has ever enjoyed the writing of Lewis Grizzard will relate well to this collection of memorable stories," Webb said.

A 1961 Northwestern Journalism graduate, Pierce worked at the *Times-Picayune* of New Orleans as executive sports editor and in other positions for several years before returning to NSU. In writing for the

Natchitoches Times and other newspapers since the mid-1960's Pierce has received first-place awards for general interest columns, editorials, features, sports columns and news stories on deadline.

Prayer Meetings and Pink Corduroys may be ordered from Pierce Book, 709 Parkway, Natchitoches, LA 71457 for \$14.95, which includes mailing costs. Checks should be made payable to Pierce Book.



Looking Back

NSU's College of Nursing Celebrates the Past 50 Years

Fifty years ago, Northwestern students began going out into the workforce trained in a field for which NSU would become highly regarded. They were the first to graduate with a BSN in nursing.

The first bachelor of science degree in nursing was awarded to June Gissler May, who graduated earlier than the others, in January 1953. The rest of her class graduated in May. She remembers how carefully the nursing school uniforms were handled.

"They were light blue denim with starched white collar and cuffs, hemmed exactly 10 inches from the floor," said Gissler. "We also wore stiff white aprons with straps that crossed in the back and fastened with two buttons. We all carried our bandage scissors between these buttons for easy access. We never wore the aprons on public transit, we carried them folded so that any surface that might have been contaminated would not be exposed. After our capping ceremony we also carried our caps in a similar fashion."

In 1949, four Shreveport hospitals discontinued their separate nursing schools to combine their facilities and began the Northwestern State College School in Nursing. The new program earned accreditation and national recognition almost immediately and became a model upon which other nursing schools began their program. The program was threefold, with a three-year diploma program, and four-year BSN program and a two-year program.



Row 1 L-R, Nita Trice, Louetta Falcon, Rosa Godwin, Margie Hoffpauir, Orlean Beckett, Mary Frances Woodruff, Merlene Bond, Barbara O'Brien, Patsy Henry, Anita Sue Bishop, **Row 2-** Emma Hebert, Helen Elrod, Donna Wilson, Marilyn Helton, Billie Alford, June Gissler, "Kitty" Kay, Maty Joyce Bedgood, Carlene Blum, Nancy Williams, Betty Currie, Milcent Arnold, **Row 3-** Gloria Paris, Faye Bailey, not pictured Maxine Bowden Whittington

Guess Who?

Can you guess the names of these NSU Nursing School graduates? If so, please contact the Office of Alumni Affairs at (318) 357-4414 or (888) 799-6486. The first five people to call with the correct answers will win a prize!



Spring 2003 Party Pics

Jimmie Nell Adams Lewis ('60) and Sally Rutledge McCain ('60), roommates in college, visited during the Alexandria alumni gathering.



Kim Marler ('98) Beverly Corbett ('78) and Sue Adams ('78) shared their Northwestern experiences at the Alexandria alumni gathering at Tunk's Cypress Inn.



Terri Carpenter ('80) visited with Kim and James ('89) Lacombe at the Alexandria alumni gathering.



Bernard Waggoner ('49), Bill Timon ('49) Ocie Richie ('47) and Jodie Stoutamire ('50) celebrated the Northwestern tradition of Basketball Homecoming this spring.



Peggy Hatch, Gayle Hatch, Reginald Grace ('75) and Rhonda Grace visited during NSU's Basketball Homecoming.



Joyce Landry Pasqua ('50) Beryl DeLoach Combs ('52), Frank Pasqua ('52) and Alida Bishop Casey ('50) enjoyed the Baton Rouge Alumni Gathering at a Mike Anderson's Restaurant.



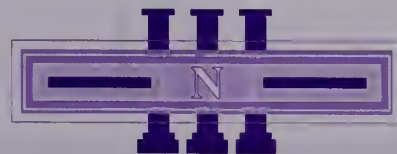
Young NSU alumni are always represented at the annual Baton Rouge alumni gathering.

Ted Jones ('60), a member of the Jimmie Davis Band, received the Friends of Jimmie Davis Award during the Louisiana Political Hall of Fame Induction at the Louisiana Political Museum.



Carolyn Huntoon ('62) was inducted into the Louisiana Political Hall of Fame at the Louisiana Political Museum in Winnfield. Huntoon served as director of NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston, as agency representative at the White House in the Office of Science and Technology Policy and as assistant secretary at the U.S. Department of Energy.

Northwestern Loses a Legend



Northwestern loses one of its most beloved alumni and friends with the passing of Lucile Mertz Hendrick.



Lucile Mertz Hendrick
1909-2003

Hendrick was assistant dean of women at Northwestern from 1959 until 1963 and was dean of women from 1963 until her retirement in 1974. A 1929 graduate of Louisiana State Normal, Hendrick was a charter member of Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority and remained active until her death. She received a master's degree in personnel, guidance and administration from Northwestern State College.

"Lucile Hendrick was a friend and mentor to generations of Northwestern students, faculty and staff," said NSU President Dr. Randall J. Webb. "She was a beloved woman who gave generously of herself to help her community and Northwestern. Her impact was immeasurable."

Hendrick was a native of Mexia, Texas, and moved to Shreveport at an early age. She graduated with honors in the first class of C.E. Byrd High School in Shreveport.

Professionally, she served as vice president of Kappa Delta Pi, president and secretary/treasurer of the Louisiana Women Deans and Counselors and was founder and charter member of the NSU chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta.

During her tenure as a college administrator, she was named Outstanding Dean of Women for Louisiana, and was inducted into Byrd High School's Hall of Fame. Recently, she was named to Northwestern's Long Purple Line, the highest honor bestowed on a Northwestern alumnus. She was also the recipient of the Nth Degree at Northwestern, was named Who's Who in College and University Education, Who's Who of the Women in the South, Outstanding Tour Guide of Louisiana, and Outstanding Woman of the Year for the City of Natchitoches.

She was given the Key to the City of Natchitoches, received the Mayor's Award for Service, was named to the College of Education's Hall of Distinguished Educators, and was given the Sheriff's Award for "You Made a Difference." She was awarded citations from several NSU student organizations, including SGA, Purple Jackets and Panhellenic Council, who created the Lucile Mertz Hendrick Panhellenic Foundation Scholarship in her honor. Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority also created the Lucile Mertz Hendrick Outstanding Alumna Award in her honor.

Hendrick volunteered many hours to her community by serving in various capacities of the Natchitoches Historic Foundation and was named preservationist by the group. She was also a charter member of the Natchitoches Genealogical Society,

president and chaplain of Philanthropic Educational Organization (PEO), a charter member of the North Louisiana Historical Association, the Association for the Preservation of Historic Natchitoches, the Women's Missionary Union, the United Daughters of the Confederacy, the Daughters of the American Revolution, Colonial Dames of the 17th Century, and the Daughters of the American Colonists.

Memorial services for Hendrick, 94, were held on Saturday, Jan. 11, 2003 at the First United Methodist Church in Natchitoches. She donated her body to medical research.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers that memorials be made to the Sigma Sigma Sigma Lucile M. Hendrick Scholarship, care of the Sigma Sigma Sigma Alumna Chapter of Natchitoches, 254 Julia Ann Drive, Natchitoches, LA 71457; or the Natchitoches Historic Foundation, Box 2351, Natchitoches, LA 71457.





Director of Admissions, Dr. Chris Maggio, accepts on behalf of Northwestern State University, a \$10,000 scholarship endowment from Woodmen of the World Natchitoches Lodge 207 President Paul Keyser, Jr.

While approaching its 100th anniversary of continuing service, the nonprofit, fraternal society, Woodmen of the World Lodge 207 wanted to make a significant contribution to assist students attending Northwestern State University. The Natchitoches Lodge, which was chartered in 1907, recently endowed a \$10,000 scholarship to NSU.

"Many people from the city of Natchitoches attend NSU," said Treasurer Henry Maggio. "We just wanted to give something back to a place that has given us so much."

Woodmen of the World believes in family values, patriotism, community improvement and civic involvement.

"We donate more flags than any other organization in the United States," Maggio said. "Our organization also recognizes the best history student in each of the three parish high schools.

We like to offer our services and donate to anyone in need whether

that be Toys for Tots or nursing homes. We've been active in the Natchitoches community for almost 100 years."

Since the creation of the Woodmen's Patriotic Program in 1947, the society has presented more than one million U.S. Flags to civic and youth groups, schools, churches, community centers and other nonprofit organizations; 1.2 million *American Patriot's Handbooks*, containing the U.S. Constitution, Declaration of Independence, portraits and biographies of presidents, to newly naturalized citizens, libraries and schools and 223,900 American History Awards to junior and senior high school students for proficiency in the study of American History.

For more information on Woodmen of the World scholarship, please contact Dr. Chris Maggio at the Alumni Association at (318) 357-4414 or (888) 799-6486.



1944

Margery Buatt McCuller is a retired elementary school teacher. She lives in Crowley.

1952

Janice Marie Tucker Rabalais recently retired from Lamar University as an assistant professor. She lives in Village Mills, Texas.

1953

June Ann Gissler May is a retired registered nurse. She lives in Albuquerque, N.M.

1960

Cullyne Scott Brady retired after thirty-five years of teaching. He is now an office consultant.

Betty J. Barnes Wallace is retired and lives in Deville.

Mary Elizabeth Walker is retired and lives in Pineville.

Sue Lynn Robertson Cotton retired from the Rapides Parish School Board after 41 years. She is married to John Duane Cotton ('62) and lives in Pineville.

1961

Alice Farmer Roberts serves as president of the Shreveport Symphony Guild. She is married to Ted Roberts ('61), State Farm agent and lives in Shreveport.

1962

Reginald C. Lambright retired from Pitkin High School after 36 years as a teacher and coach. He has been inducted into the Louisiana High School Athletic Association High School Coaches' Association Hall of Fame for the 2002-03 school year. He is married to Mary G. McKay Lambright ('79) and lives in Pitkin.

1964

Timothy L. Berry is a retired USMC major and Maryland State Police trooper and pilot. He lives in Manchester, Md.

1968

Larry W. Rivers is employed at Rivers & Associates. He is married and lives in Alexandria, Va.

1969

Felton Dickson is retired from BellSouth. He works for Enterprise Rent-A-Car and also serves on the board of trustees for Louisiana Baptist University and Seminary. He is married and lives in Shreveport.

**1970**

Malcolm O. Hodnett is the owner and operator of Texas HotShot. He is married to Patsy Nell York Hodnett ('71) and lives in Longview, Texas.

Charles Richard Vickery is retired, married and lives in Lake Charles.

Jerry Leon Masters is the pastor of First Baptist Church in Jennings. He is married to Pat Tauzin Masters ('72) and lives in Jennings.

1971

Jack Hoffstadt is employed by the Office of District Attorney as a career criminal prosecutor. He lives in Mandeville.

1972

Charles William Boudreau is a health and physical education instructor at the Shreveport Job Corps Center. He is married and lives in Shreveport.

1974

Pamela Rose Catonese Restovich is a parent educator for Caddo Parish School System. She is married to John P. Restovich ('74) and lives in Shreveport.

1975

Harmon D. Throneberry retired from the U.S. Army as a Command Sergeant Major in 1984. He recently received the U.S. Chess Federation Lifetime Achievement Award. He is married and lives in Watauga, Texas.

Jesse Lee Nobles Jr. is a project smart action officer in United States Army at Fort Lee, Va. He lives in Chesterfield, Va.

1976

Richard F. Karamatic is the director at McAllen Auditorium & Convention Center. He is married and lives in Mission, Texas.

Rick Reass is self-employed as a real estate appraiser. He is married and lives in Winter Haven, Fla.

Ron Kern is an account representative at General Electric. He lives in Ponchatoula.

Vicki Young Hale is a homemaker. She is married and lives in The Woodlands, Texas.

1978

Gib W. Buckbee is an analyst for IBM in Rochester, N.Y. He lives in Canandaigua, N.Y.

Ronald Ray Rogers is a partner in the business of Clovis Anesthesia. He is married and lives in Clovis, N.M.

Wanda Trail Hendricks is employed by Arizona Department of Corrections as a staff nurse. She is married and lives in Peoria, Ariz.

1979

Mary G. McKay Lambright is a retired teacher. She is married to Reginald C. Lambright ('62) and lives in Pitkin.

1981

Mabel Ann Smith Carroll is a counselor at Mansfield Middle School in DeSoto Parish. She is married and lives in Pleasant Hill.

1982

Nancy A. Schmitz Edwards is a teacher at Living Word Christian Academy. She is married and lives in Mansfield.

Gregory W. Copperthite is a principal at Approved Solutions, LLC. He is married and lives in Summit, N.J.

III

Lydia Keyser

A Northwestern State University alumnus has received an international award after she was selected from over 200 candidates worldwide. Lydia Keyser, a Natchitoches Central High School Spanish teacher, was named International Foreign Language Teacher of the Year by International Organization for Teachers of Foreign Language. She teaches Spanish I, II and III at Natchitoches Central High School.

Her awards include an engraved golden apple on a gold chain and an engraved golden star paperweight. Next summer, she will go to Quebec, Canada, for the formal presentation of the main award.

Keyser was notified in September that she was a finalist.

"Just being selected as a finalist was comparable to being chosen a finalist in the Miss Universe pageant," Keyser said. "I was absolutely dumbstruck."

Keyser has taught Spanish at NCHS since 1995. She sponsors the Spanish Club, the International Club and is a class sponsor and ACT prep instructor. She is a former adjunct instructor of Spanish and English at NSU. Keyser also taught English, Spanish, speech and drama at St. Mary's where she was also the Spanish Club sponsor, the Quiz Bowl coach and a junior class sponsor.

Keyser earned a BA in Spanish education and a master's in English at NSU.

She is a member and treasurer of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese and is a founder of the Antonio Margil Chapter. Keyser is also a member of the Louisiana Foreign Language Teachers Association, the American Council of Foreign Language Teachers, the NCHS Faculty Advisory Board, the American Association of University Women, International Organization for Teachers of Foreign Language and serves as the NCHS soccer coach. She sponsors the International Club and is a mentor for Sigma Kappa Sorority and a precinct election commissioner. She is a past president and vice president of Delta Kappa Gamma, a professional women's honor organization.

Keyser has also been involved with several school athletic associations such as Dixie Youth, FBLA, March of Dimes, Cane River Cleanup, MADD, Easter Seals, the American Red Cross, and Breast Cancer Walk-A-Thon.

She has been voted a favorite teacher by the NCHS student body several times and was the Louisiana High School Spanish Teacher of the Year. She is one of five finalists for the Natchitoches Business and Professional Women's Woman of the Year and was a Humanities Scholar of the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities.

**1986**

Leslie Griggs "Dubin" Spector is self-employed as an independent contractor and medical audit specialist. She is married and lives in Centerville, Ohio.

1987

Angela Jill Peterson Salvo is a quality assurance specialist for the Missouri Department of Mental Health. She lives in Columbia, Mo.

Linda Faye Johnson Douglas, RN, CPON, RN clinical coordinator at Louisiana State University Health Science Center in Shreveport, is the recipient of the ONS Foundation Ethnic Minority Bachelor's Scholarship.

1988

Lawanda Reames Quinn is employed by the Department of Corrections as a correction probation senior officer. She is married and lives in Starke, Fla.

1989

Kasey Lynn Carter Humphrey is a registered nurse. She lives in Shreveport.

Sonya Marie Rigaud Johnson is an English teacher, yearbook and newspaper adviser at Morgan City High School. She is married and lives in Patterson.

1990

Linda Diann Aymond Roberts is a neonatal nurse practitioner at Christus Cabrini Hospital and Rapides Women and Children's Hospital. She is married and lives in Deville.

Winston Howard Jr. is the southeast region foodservice account representative at Starbucks Coffee Company. He lives in Brighton, Tenn.

Dr. Melissa Frank-Alston is an assistant dean of academic programs and student affairs at Medical College of Georgia. She is married and lives in Grovetown, Ga.

Willis (Trey) Cox is employed by the Department of Veteran Affairs as a kinesiologist. He is married and lives in Deville.

Melody Smith Aldredge is a fourth grade teacher at North Natchitoches Elementary School.

1991

Crell Anthony Sikorsky is an exercise specialist. He lives in Kenner.

1992

Robert Paul Greer is the vice president of product management at eSembler for Education by Premio Computer. He lives in Pasadena, Calif.

Dorothy Lanell English Weeks is the owner of Tree Frog Graphics. She is married and lives in Mansfield.

1993

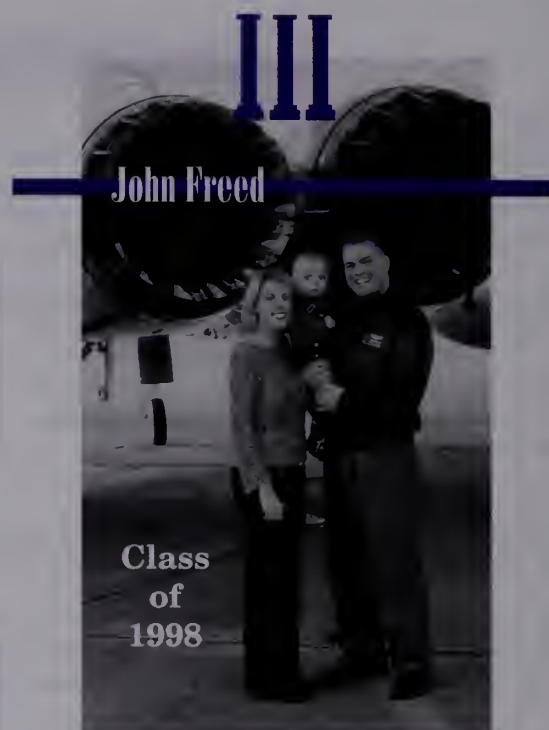
Jeff L. Powell is a state game warden for Texas Parks and Wildlife. He is married and lives in Arlington, Texas.

1994

Susan Derivas is a nurse practitioner at Overton Brooks VA Medical Center. She lives in Shreveport.

Dawn Worchester is a physical science technician for the Department of Interior Minerals Management Services. She is married to Reid Day and lives in Ponchatoula.

Esther Ann Mayfield Holloway is a student at LSUMC. She is married and lives in Keithville.



John Freed, a 1998 aviation graduate, has been very busy the past five years.

After graduating from Northwestern, Freed was selected to fly F-15's of the Louisiana National Guard. He went to Laughlin Air Force Base in Texas where he earned his wings and then went to a Replacement Training Unit in Oregon to train on his particular aircraft. He is now stationed at the Naval Air Station in New Orleans.

Since September 11, 2001, Freed has found himself protecting some of the highest officials in Louisiana and America.

"We are the first unit to have live missiles on jets," Freed said. "We escorted the president from Florida after the World Trade Center attacks. Never in a million years did I ever think I would be protecting the president. We were also airborne early morning on September 12 over cities around the US in response to what happened."

Freed had the opportunity to revisit Natchitoches during the latest Christmas Festival.

"The grand marshal of the parade was General Stroud," Freed said. "So we did a fly-by over downtown, flying fingertip, about six feet from each other."

Freed said coming back to Natchitoches was like coming home.

"NSU did a great job in helping everyone find their own route and doing everything possible to get them on their way," he said. "All the guys I flew with at NSU have great jobs working with the FBI or major airlines. The department is small, but you get individual attention. That is a good thing."

Freed is married to NSU alumnus Kirsten Ranes Freed. She teaches at Belle Chase Academy. They have one child, Dallas.



Kimberly Gladney Hatcher is a registered nurse at Doctor Hospital in Dallas. She lives in Mesquite, Texas.

1995

Lisa Ann Gomez Frostick is employed by Long Branch Board of Education as a teacher. She is married and lives in Bradley Beach, N.J.

Laura O. Linebaugh Turner is a loan officer at Ocean West Funding. She is married to G. Daniel Turner ('97) and lives in Baton Rouge.

1996

Wendy Elizabeth Crochet Dew is a senior tax accountant at Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Cold Inc. She is married and lives in Metairie.

Chris Slopak is a project engineer at Engineered Specialty Plastics. He lives in Hot Springs, Ark.

Jennifer Webb Bridgewater is a sixth grade math teacher at Magoffin Middle School. She is married and lives in El Paso, Texas.

Cari Pecquet Rhoton is a special education teacher at Green Park School. She is currently serving as President of the Tri Sigma Alumnae Chapter, recently named the 2002-2003 teacher of the year for Jefferson Parish and was presented the NFL Saints Teacher of the Week award. She lives in Kenner.

John J. Parsley is a commanding officer for the 528th Medical Detachment at Fort Bragg. He is married and lives in Fayetteville, N.C.

AnnMarie Henke is head of media services and classroom technology at Harvard Business School. She lives in Boston, Mass.

1997

Bradley Dowden is an internal medicine pediatrics resident at The University of Mississippi Medical Center.

Joy Nell Hillman Wiggins is a second grade teacher at Simpson Elementary School. She is married and lives in Leesville.

Tiffanie Cain is employed by the Sabine Parish School Board as a teacher. She is presently pursuing her masters at NSU in Educational Technology. She is married and lives in Robeline.

Tait Martin is an instructor in the department of language and communications at Florida State University. He lives in Tallahassee, Fla.

Leah M. Manning Crotty is employed by Kern County Superintendent of Schools as a teacher. She is married to James S. Crotty ('97) and lives in Bakersfield, Calif.

James S. Crotty is a mortgage consultant for Wells Fargo. He is married to Leah M. Crotty ('97) and lives in Bakersfield, Calif.

50 years Class of 1953

Fifty years after graduating from Northwestern, the Class of 1953 will gather at their alma mater to reminisce about the good times and good friendships bonded during their college career. They are getting ready to reunite with old friends and classmates for the Golden Jubilee to commemorate the 50-year mark of receiving their diploma.

Members of the class will enjoy lunch and a bus tour of the city and before the 3 p.m. commence exercises where each member of the class of 1953 will again make the commencement walk to receive their 50-year diplomas.

On Saturday, members of the Class of 1953 will be inducted in the "50-Plus Club," as part of the group's annual luncheon. The luncheon will be held in the Friedman Student Union Ballroom.

For more information, contact the Alumni Center at 318-4414 or 1-888-799-6486 or by email at maggioc@nsula.edu.

Class of 1953 Missing

Albert, Marjorie E.
Alexander, Patsy Ruth
Anderson, Jr., Harry
Austin, Lonnie James
Beckcom, Amanda Leateth
Belka, Fannie Pinkston
Bennett, Virginia E.
Bishop, Anita Sue
Bracey, Ruth C.
Branch, Joseph F.
Brown, Agnes Feazel
Brown, Barbara Sue Love
Bruce, Willie Jo
Burns, Mary Louise
Burroughs, Eunice Kennedy
Clark, Mary Edna
Collins, Mary Sylvest
Crosby, Mary Prather
Dupree, Sue Ann
Elders, Larie D.
Evans, Bernice Jackson
Fontenot, Donald
Gibbs, Melba Enlow
Gosdin, Eloise
Gresham, LaVerne Perry
Hanchey, Virginia Morrow
Holliday, Cheri Ann
Horton, Willie Mae Huggins
Howard, Juanita Fuller
Kelly, Ferol L. Zabasky
Lawton, Ione Yvonne
Lockard, Virginia Louise
Lyons, Sybil

Marmande, Genevieve Theresa
Martin, B.E.
Martin, Egeria R.
Martin, James Harvey
Mason, Jacqueline T.
Meredith, Eura Parker
Miller, Elta V.
Moody, Nell M.
Murphy, Bobbye M.
Nash, Gem Cheves
Nettles, Florence
Oney, Elizabeth
Paris, Gloria Ann
Pearce, Isabel Contois
Pittman, Betty Ann
Polk, Doris M.
Riddle, Farah T. LaGrone
Samson, Benard Claude
Scheen, Ruth Greening
Schuler, Marilyn Helton
Seal, Rachel Helen
Sill, Edward Otis
Stephens, Dora Lynn
Sullivan, Donnis Emogene
Swilley, Harold Jefferson
Swindle, Martha Lowrey
Taylor, Annie Ruth
Vick, Louise
Walker, Blanche Corbitt
Wheat, Susie L.
Williams, James E.
Williams, Marjorie Dean
Willis, Annie Levins



1998

Raissa Nicole Randall Doucet is a homemaker. She is married and lives in Eunice.

Meike Hunter is a developer for Sophcom. He lives in Baton Rouge.

Linda Wright-Bailey is a United States Probation Officer in Houston. She is married and lives in Kingwood, Texas.

Kimberly Diane Wadkins Lee works at Community Bank of Louisiana as a compliance officer. She is married and lives in Manfield.

Casey Waller is a pilot for Expressjet Airlines. He lives in Haynesville.

Wendy Marie Christy Lee is fifth and sixth grade science teacher at Horatio Elementary School. She is married to Benjamin G. Lee ('99) and lives in Horatio, Ark.

1999

Leonard Johnson III is an accountant for Beverly, Newman & Co. PLLC. He lives in Houston, Texas.

Lesley Marie Roberts Vance is a business owner. She is married and lives in Lynchburg, Va.

Emily Tracy is a pharmaceuticals sales representative for Wyeth Pharmaceuticals. She lives in Nash, Texas.

Karla Michelle Dowden Herrington is a teacher at Holy Savior Menard High School. She is married to Roger Herrington ('99) and lives in Alexandria.

Ingrid Petry Semien is an assistant information systems manager at Farmers Merchants Bank and Trust Company. She is married and lives in Maurice.

Mandy Lynne Allen Knight is assistant band director at Fairfield Junior High School. She is married and lives in Fairfield, Texas.

Benjamin Grady Lee is a quality engineer at Electrolux Home Products in Dequeen, Ark. He is married to Wendy Christy Lee ('98) and lives in Horatio, Ark.

2000

Louis Jacob Nelson is employed by State Farm Insurance as a computer systems analyst. He lives in Bloomington, Ill.

Sharon Leigh Matheney Earles is seventh grade language arts teacher at Alvin Jr. High School. She is married and lives in Alvin, Texas.

Joanna Leigh Mayes Hitt is a teacher and coach at Memorial Parkway Junior High. She is married and lives in Katy, Texas.

Candace Courtney McNabb Lemoine is a retail manager for Gap, Inc. and homemaker. She is married and lives in Youngsville.

Kendra V. Young is a social services director at The Summit Retirement Center. She lives in Alexandria.

Catherine Elizabeth Cornett Reeves is a leasing specialist at St. Jean. She is married and lives in Baton Rouge.

Joan Norberto Marrero is contractor sales representative at 84 Lumber. She is married and lives in Pennsauken, N.J.

2001

Jennifer L. Owens Black is an assistant softball coach for Montgomery County Schools. She is married to John Robert Black ('98) and lives in Mt. Sterling, Ky.

Lorenda Dee Armstrong is a clinician for Success Insite. She lives in Natchitoches.

Telisa Ann White Pooler is a social service counselor at W.O. Moss Regional Hospital Acute Care Unit. She is married and lives in DeRidder.

Jaime Leigh Tassin is a kindergarten teacher for Tyler Independent School District and a graduate student at University of Texas-Tyler. She lives in Tyler, Texas.

Ramsen Elisha Sayad is an accountant at Cole, Evans and Peterson, CPA's. She lives in Shreveport.

LaTasha Rene' Preylo is a member service representative for American Airlines. She lives in Euless, Texas.

2002

Nicole Ann Herbert Doucet is a WHNP at Acadia Women's Health. She is married and lives in Jennings.

Kathy Lynn Matthews Davis is a registered nurse at Sierra Vista Regional Health Center. She is married and lives in Sierra Vista, Ariz.



In Memory

- '24 Evie Carroll Smith
- '29 Lucile Hendrick, Natchitoches, January 9, 2003
- '31 Marian Dormon
- '41 Daniel C. McCuller, Crowley, November 23, 2002
- '41 Edna Mae D. Jacob
- '51 Billie Rae Monsour, Lake Charles, October 26, 2002
- '68 Elise James, Natchitoches, November 12, 2002
- '76 Paula Lee Jetton
- Nancy King DeLoach
- Creighton Owen, Leesville, November 9, 2002
- Thyra Mabry Salter, Natchitoches, October, 29, 2002
- Mary Ellen Cormack, Houston, Texas February 19, 2003

Memorials can be mailed to:

NSU Athletics, c/o The Donald E. & Mary Ellen Cormack Scholarship Fund, Northwestern State University Athletic Field House, Natchitoches, LA 71497

Alumni Information Update

Please fill this page out as completely as possible. We are constantly revising our records and your information updates are vital to making the system work. The information from this form is also used for entries in the "Class Notes" section. Please make a copy of this page and give it to any NSU graduate who may not be on our list. We can't keep in touch with you if we can't find you! Thank you.

Date _____ SSN: _____

Name: (Miss, Mrs. Mr.) _____
Please Circle Last First Middle Maiden

Current address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

NSU undergraduate degree(s): _____ Year of graduation: _____

NSU graduate degree(s): _____ Year of graduation: _____

During which years did you attend NSU? _____

Which organizations were you involved in while a student at NSU? _____

Place of employment _____

Job title: _____ Work phone: _____

Spouse's name: _____

Is your spouse an NSU graduate? ____ Yes ____ No

If yes, what degree(s) did he / she earn?

Spouse's undergraduate degree (s) _____ Year of graduation _____

Spouse's graduate degree (s) _____ Year of graduation _____

Do you have children who are potential Northwestern students? Please tell us their names, contact information, and what high school they attend.

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